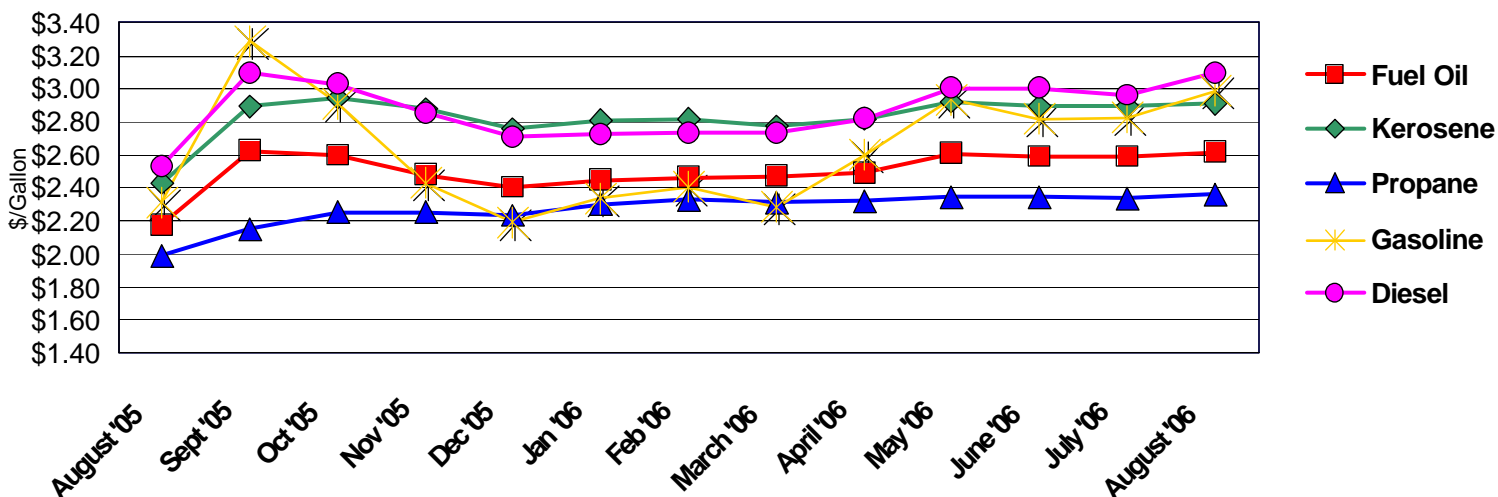


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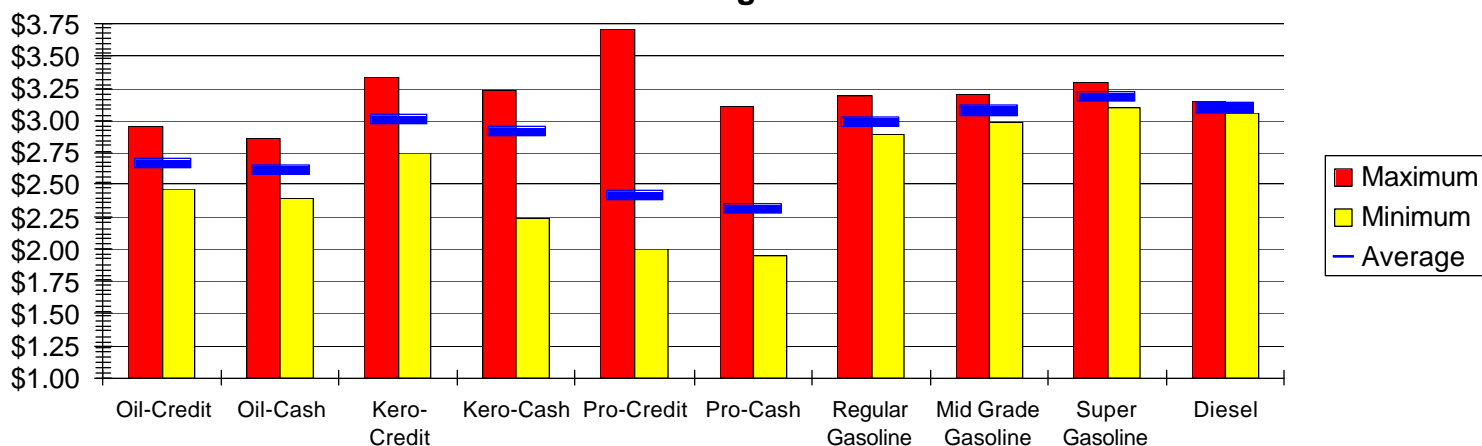
One-Year Price Trend



Vermont Average Retail Petroleum Prices (per gallon)

	August '06	July '06	%change	August '05	%change
No. 2 Fuel Oil	\$2.61	\$2.59	0.88%	\$2.18	19.94%
Kerosene	\$2.91	\$2.90	0.43%	\$2.43	19.87%
Propane	\$2.36	\$2.33	1.32%	\$1.99	18.97%
Reg. Unleaded Gasoline	\$2.99	\$2.82	5.91%	\$2.31	29.13%
Diesel	\$3.10	\$2.96	4.49%	\$2.53	22.14%

Fuel Price Ranges in Vermont



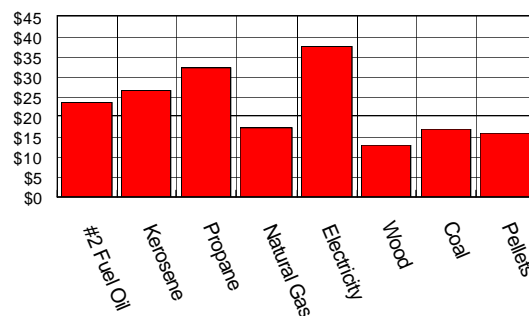
Gasoline and Diesel Prices

As of August 7th the national average retail price of regular gasoline was \$3.04 per gallon, according to the Energy Information Administration (EIA). The New England average price was \$3.08 per gallon, which is an increase of almost 70 cents from the same time last year. The national average retail price of diesel was \$3.05 and the New England average price was \$3.06 per gallon.

Comparing the Cost of Heating Fuels

Type of Energy	BTU/unit	Adj Effc	\$/unit	\$/MMBtu
Fuel Oil, gallon	138,200	80%	\$2.61	\$23.64
Kerosene, gallon	136,600	80%	\$2.91	\$26.61
Propane, gallon	91,600	80%	\$2.36	\$32.26
Natural Gas, therm	100,000	80%	\$1.36	\$17.00
Electricity, kwh	3,412	100%	\$0.13	\$37.51
Wood, cord (green)	22,000,000	60%	\$170.00	\$12.88
Coal, ton	24,000,000	60%	\$242.50	\$16.84
Pellets, ton	16,400,000	80%	\$210.00	\$16.01

Cost per 1 Million BTU



Price Protection Programs

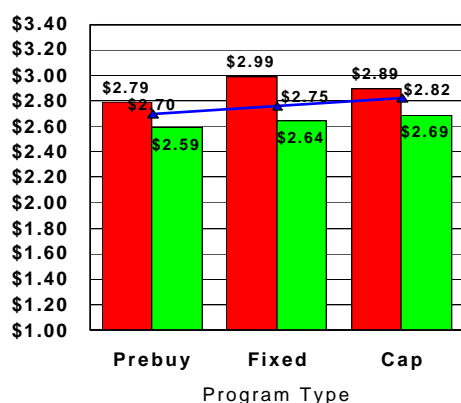
The charts below show the availability and price per gallon for price protection programs as of **August 7th**, from a representative sample (approximately 70) Vermont fuel dealers. Some dealers that had issued programs at the end of July and the first week of August indicated they had already sold out.

■ Maximum

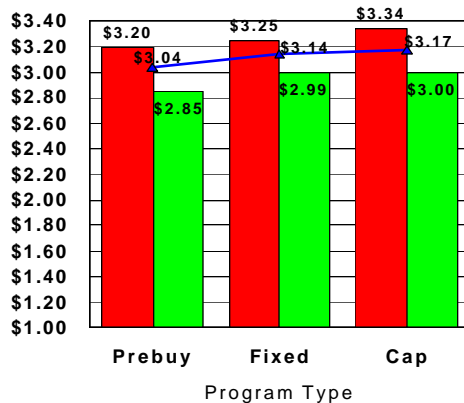
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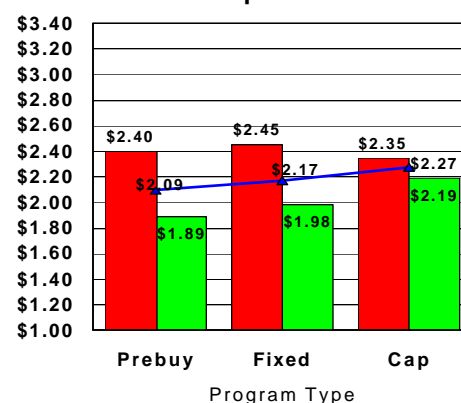
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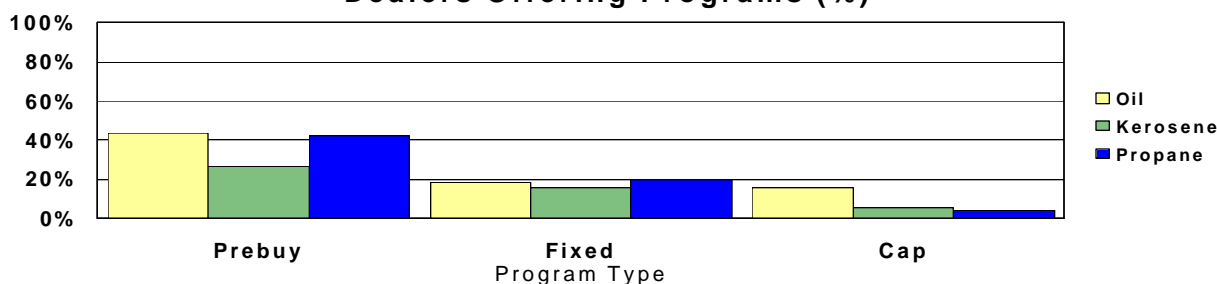
Kerosene



Propane



Dealers Offering Programs (%)



Heating Oil and Propane Prices this Heating Season

The EIA has released their initial projections for residential heating oil and propane prices this season. They estimate the average price for heating oil in the Northeast will be \$2.50 per gallon for the heating season (October-March). They also project higher consumption this winter due to more "normal" temperatures (unlike the relatively mild weather last year), which coupled with the higher prices will increase heating oil expenditures for the average household by almost 10%. Residential propane prices are expected to average \$1.73 per gallon this heating season. Propane expenditures are expected to increase almost 12% for the average household.

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